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A circular of the High Court regarding appointments in the Civil Courts.

* 89 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the High Court's Circular Dis. No. 707 of 1925, dated 20th March 1925 (copy enclosed) [a] ; and

(b) what steps the Government or the High Court take when the circular is disregarded ?

A.—(a) The Government have now read the hon. Member's copy of the High Court's circular referred to.

(b) The High Court takes steps to see that its orders are carried out.

Communal representation in the Judicial department of Nellore, Kurnool and East Godavari districts.

* 90 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the proportion of the various communities in the grades 180—10—240, 125—5—150, 80—4—120, 60—4—80, 35—35—1½—50—1—60 and 35—1—40 in the Judicial department of the Nellore, Kurnool and East Godavari districts ; and

(b) how many vacancies had arisen in the several grades from 1921 till the end of April 1928, and how they were filled up ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—"Sir, the answer says the Government have no information. May I request the hon. the Law Member to obtain the information and place it on the table ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I shall call for information on point (a), but I do not think that any public interest will be served by calling for information on point (b)."

Claims of Indian Christians to Judicial posts.

* 91 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased (i) to place before the Council a statement showing the number of judicial officers including stipendiary magistrates during the year ending 1st July 1928, their nationality, religion, caste, and qualifications ; and (ii) to state—

(a) why hardly any or no Indian Christian has been appointed to judicial posts during that period ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a greater percentage of law graduates and legal practitioners from among Indian Christians than in any other community or caste except Brahmans ; and

(c) what action has been or is being taken in regard to the claims of Indian Christians to judicial posts in the High Court and other courts including magisterial courts ?

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A.—(i) The Government do not think it worth while collecting the information required.

(ii) (*a*) & (*c*) As far as practicable in making appointments the claims of Indian Christians also are taken into consideration.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

Hydro-electric Schemes

Hydro-electric works and schemes in this Presidency.

* 92 *Q*.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state in what stage of execution or development or prospective planning the various hydro-electric works and schemes are in this Presidency with their cost, plans and estimates?

A.—The Chief Engineer for Hydro-electric Development has submitted to Government estimates for the following schemes :—

(1) the Pykara project;
(2) the Glen Morgan scheme; and
(3) the Papanasam project.

Reports and estimates on other schemes have not yet been received.

Pykara Project.

The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué issued on 19th June 1928 (G.O. No. 1565 W.). As stated in it, three schemes (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) have been submitted. Scheme (*c*) has not been worked out in detail. Scheme (*a*) is estimated to cost about Rs. 220 lakhs in the first year of operation rising to Rs. 308 lakhs in the tenth year and ultimately to Rs. 693 lakhs. Scheme (*b*) is estimated to cost about Rs. 188 lakhs in the first year, about Rs. 308 lakhs in the tenth year and ultimately Rs. 709 lakhs. The proposals are under examination by Messrs. Merz and Partners, Consulting Engineers to the Railway Board, with reference to the question of Railway electrification.

Glen Morgan Hydro-electric Scheme.

An estimate of Rs. 12·80 lakhs for this scheme has recently been approved by Government in G.O. No. 1770 W., dated 16th July 1928, which has been placed on the Editors' Table. Work on the scheme is being started. A note explaining the scheme in detail has been placed before the Finance Committee and will be found in the Proceedings of the Committee placed on the Council table.

Papanasam Project.

Two schemes have been worked out. The first is estimated to cost Rs. 50·53 lakhs, while the second is estimated to cost about Rs. 98·56 lakhs in the first year of operation rising to Rs. 138·5 lakhs in the fifth year. The proposals are under consideration by Government.